

REMARKS

The indication that claims 4-5, 8-9, 11, 13, 15 and 18 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, the subject matter of claim 11 has been added to claim 10 and the subject matter of claim 13 has been added to claim 12. Claims 14, 16-17 and 19 have been amended into conformance. Claims 11, 13, 15 and 18 have been canceled. Consideration and allowance of claims 10, 12, 14, 16-17 and 19 are respectfully requested because these claims include the subject matter indicated to be allowable.

Claims 16 and 19 were rejected under §112, sixth paragraph, and have been amended to indicate that the data carrier comprises the computer program of the respective intervening claim. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 6 were rejected as anticipated by YASUMI JP 2001-338188 and claims 2 and 7 were rejected as unpatentable over YASUMI in view of TOGNAZZINI 6,473,728. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2 and 6-7 are directed to a system for distributing a periodical document to an outlet, and include a server and an outlet computer that communicate through a network. The server sends an electronic copy of the periodical document to the outlet computer, where the electronic copy includes the

content of the periodical document and print format information for the document. The outlet computer receives the electronic copy and print format information, prints a copy of the periodical document from the electronic copy using the print format, and carries out a payment procedure with a customer when a request is received from the customer.

YASUMI (English Abstract) discloses a system that is generally opposite that of claim 1. An order receiver is connected to an orderer through a network. The order receiver has a server with database of print formats, and a printer. The orderer selects the print format from a display provided by the server of the order receiver. The printer at the order receiver (not the orderer) prints the documents in accordance with the instructions of the orderer and the printed documents are mailed from the order receiver to the orderer. That is, the order receiver has the electronic copy of the document, does not send the electronic copy to the orderer, prints the document from the electronic copy based on the print format order from the orderer, and mails the printed document to the orderer. This is contrasted with claim 1 in which the server sends the electronic copy to the outlet computer and the outlet computer prints the document.

YASUMI (English Abstract) does not disclose that an electronic copy of the document ever leaves the order receiver or is transmitted at all, or that a copy of the document is printed at the orderer from a received electronic copy. Accordingly, at least these features are missing from YASUMI and claims 1-2 and 6-7 avoid these rejections.

Claims 10, 14 and 16 were rejected as anticipated by KING et al. 6,418,402 and claims 12, 17 and 19 were rejected as anticipated by TOGNAZZINI. Amended claims 10 and 12 avoid these rejections because they include subject matter indicated to be allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

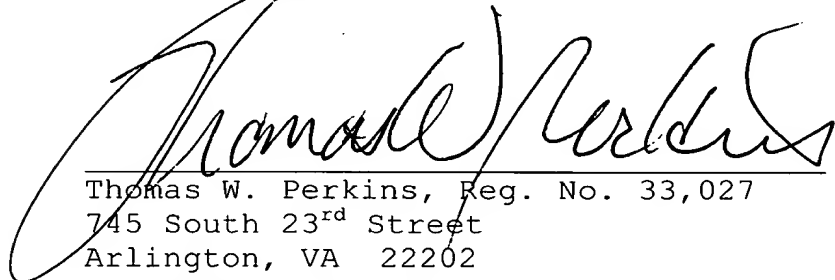
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